

WAR STAMP PLEDES ARE NOT BEING KEPT

Evidently there are many people in St. Helens and Columbia county who lightly regard a pledge. Either this, or their memory is very poor, for there are a great number of unfilled pledges which were made to the government some six months ago. These pledges were to buy certain amounts of War Savings Stamps. The pledges were reported to Uncle Sam and he expected their fulfillment. He based his expenditures on the fact that he had money coming in on or before a certain date. He depended on Columbia county to raise \$274,000 on or before December 31st.

Far Below Quota

Citizens of Columbia county responded liberally—with pledges—but they have not kept the pledges. The total amount subscribed to date is \$211,230.73 or \$63,000 less than the quota and more than \$100,000 short of what was pledged. For the past few months, the sale of stamps has shown a steady decrease. In September, \$19,867.70 was the monthly purchase. For October \$15,957.18; November, \$10,169.80 and only \$2,000 has been purchased so far this month.

Heretofore Columbia county has made good on every war work campaign, and gone over the top in every Liberty Loan drive and it is to be regretted that they have fallen down in the War Stamp quota. It is possible that a committee will be appointed to stir up some of the laggards and check the pledges as against the amount of stamps purchased. By doing this, each stamp slacker could be called to time.

INFORMATION ASKED OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

Captain W. H. Emrick, U. S. army was here Thursday. The captain is traveling through California, Oregon and Washington and obtaining information relative to certain portions of the states mentioned, as of military value. Cities, towns, roads, lakes, rivers, streams, forests, landing places for air machines, etc., are a small portion of the information which he is detailed to secure. County Judge Morton and Surveyor VanOran have given the captain access to the county's records and he secured the information the government wishes.

Before enlisting in the army, Captain Emrick was consulting engineer for the N. Y. Edison company. He was stationed at Camp Mills and expected to be sent to France, but orders came for him to come to Portland to take up the line of work in which he is now engaged.

Dr. J. L. Zipperer was here for a few hours Thursday. He recently returned from his wheat ranch in Alberta, Canada. Prospects were bright for a large crop, but on the 23rd of July, there was a killing frost which put the wheat crop on the bum. The doctor had 320 acres and he figured 40 bushels to the acre, so the loss was considerable. It was the first time in the memory of the "oldest inhabitant" that frost had come so early in the season. The doctor is not in the least discouraged and will again try his luck and expects better results. Dr. and Mrs. Zipperer will spend the winter in Portland.

Mrs. J. O. Hall of Portland is here on a short visit to her daughter, Miss Helen Hall, who is a teacher in the city schools.

RED CROSS SLACKERS TAKEN TO TASK

C. M. Hyskell Wants Light of Publicity Thrown on Slackers

The Mist has received the following letter from C. M. Hyskell and approves of every sentiment expressed. The letter states:

Editor Mist: A good many people—a painfully large percentage—appear to delude themselves into the idea that the war is over, the boys all home safely and comfortably, and no use for any more Red Cross money and service. These people should roll over and wake up.

The present Red Cross drive is as important as any that have preceded it. The request is for but one dollar from each person who has stayed at home. It is little enough. Yet we find many people shying like a bullet-stung doe when the good woman who is giving her time and energy to the convalesc, appears at the door.

One says, "Well, times are a little tight right now, I guess we won't subscribe," yet she and her husband are both making good wages and have three boys, none of whom are in France. Another declines to even come downstairs to answer, but sends her little girl to say she won't give. Another, strong and hearty and young, who ought to have been "over there," says "Not today." And so it goes, the canvasser meanwhile getting madder and more disgusted with human nature.

There ought to be some way of throwing the harpoon of shame into this kind of people. Let the Red Cross workers furnish a list of them to the home guards, for future reference.

C. M. HYSKELL.

"SMOKES" HIS ONLY CONCERN

Chaplain James J. Hollihan of Scranton, Pa., attached to the field artillery, Second division, who arrived back in New York recently on a special mission for General Pershing after 10 months of active duty with the American expeditionary forces in France, and brought with him an interesting story of the dangers faced by Knights of Columbus secretaries in distributing the Knight's bounty to the men who were doing the fighting.

On one of his trips to the front areas, Father Hollihan explained, he ran across a puffing flivver bearing the K. of C. insignia, loaded with cartons of cigarettes and in charge of Secretary James O'Neill of New Jersey. Father Hollihan warned the secretary that a squadron of German airplanes flying directly overhead, were seeking to destroy the truck and its driver, presumably with the same civilized purpose that caused the German airmen to drop their bombs on Red Cross hospitals and ambulances.

"I don't care how hard they hit me," Father Hollihan said O'Neill replied, as he cranked the flivver and started ahead again, "so long as they don't spoil these cigarettes." The cigarettes got up to the front line safely and were being smoked within an hour by the men of several American contingents.

The United States printing office in Washington is printing 14 tons of postal cards every day. During 1917 the 154 presses printed 34,000,000 pounds of paper. There are 5700 persons employed in the big establishment, the average daily payroll of which amounts to about \$17,500.

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TEACHERS' INSTITUTE WELL ATTENDED

The local teachers' institute which was held in St. Helens Saturday last, was well attended, and many interesting papers were read relative to school work.

The following teachers were in attendance, Mrs. Mary E. Colvin, Miss Gertrude Liggett, Miss Ruby Hickthier, Mrs. A. F. Barnett, Mrs. A. B. Lake, Mrs. Effie Wilson, T. J. Gill, Mrs. Effie Brown, Miss Lois Payne, Miss Alice Armstrong, Miss Annabel Brown, Mrs. T. Hatfield, George F. Thompson, John J. Miller, Miss Hilda S. Muhr, Miss Annie R. Chase, Miss Myrtle Larsen, Miss Minnie R. Allen, Miss Marguerite Keary, Mrs. E. E. Mallaber, Miss Agnes Brown, Miss Clara M. Ketel, Miss Gladys Richey, Miss Edna Baughman, Miss Selma Schupp, Mrs. Clara Pratt, Mrs. Carmen McLean, Mrs. Adelle Link, James Dodson and Prof. B. R. King of the St. Helens school, who had charge of the institute.

POTATO DISEASE CONTROL PAID

Demonstrations of methods of control of sweet potato disease in Accomac County, Va., last year resulted in a benefit to this county alone of about \$100,000 due to the application of the control methods. Special efforts made by the United States department of agriculture during the bedding season last spring, resulted in the location and distribution of a considerably larger quantity of disease-free roots than otherwise have been used for bedding purposes and during the harvest season a campaign was conducted for the selection of disease-free seed stock in the field and in the storing of sweet potatoes under proper conditions.

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E. G. Ditto